



STATE of MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

Official Statement

WHEREAS, the families and loved ones of the victims, the wounded, the Town of Newtown, and the State of Connecticut continue to suffer from the horrific acts of violence that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School on Friday, December 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the lives of twenty innocent children and six dedicated educators were lost at that school; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous acts of bravery by Sandy Hook Elementary School staff and first responders unquestionably saved many young lives; and

WHEREAS, all of Connecticut's people, and indeed the people of the world, mourn the immeasurable losses suffered by the families and loved ones of the fallen; and

WHEREAS, in times of struggle, neighbors, friends, family members, and fellow citizens unite as a community to ensure that faith, hope, and love remain the foundation of this state and our nation; now

THEREFORE, I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, call on all Minnesotans to join the nation in observing a

MOMENT OF SILENCE

at 9:30 a.m. I also ask places of worship and government buildings, which have the ability, to ring bells twenty-six times during that moment, in honor of each life that was taken far too soon at Sandy Hook Elementary School.



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